

Archangel Michael, pray for us!



# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## If you would be perfect...



**Have you ever tried really hard** to be good at something? Maybe shooting baskets or drawing or reading or baking cakes or even telling jokes? If you want to get better, it takes practice, doesn't it? A lot of practice! But even if you practice all day and every day, you know you're probably never going to be the best. But still, you practice to get better!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a young man who asked Jesus, "What must I do to have eternal life?" He told about how he already followed all the commandments. He was really a good guy! But still, he wanted to know what he still lacked. What else did he have to do? And Christ told him to sell what he had and give to the poor. This is what he still had to do.

We can learn something from this young man! Even though he did a lot of good things, he still wanted to get better. He never said, "Oh well, I'm good enough." He wanted to do even better. He knew he was not perfect.

Let's try to have that same attitude about ourselves. Let's not say, "Oh well, I'm good enough." We can always do better. We can always try to find something to improve. All our lives, even when we're old, we can keep trying and practicing!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Archangel  
Colossae  
Eternal Life  
Gospel  
Michael  
Miracle  
Perfect  
Prayer  
Rich  
Teacher

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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of the miracle of Archangel Michael. Can you find the archangel? The river? The church?

We can turn to God's helpers when we need help!



## ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE MIRACLE AT COLOSSAE

**In your family, do** you celebrate anniversaries? Maybe you celebrate the day your parents got married. Maybe you also celebrate the day you were baptized or another special day. In our Church, we celebrate big events too, and each year we remember the story of what happened on that day.



The Archangel Michael kept the river from destroying the church.

Many, many years ago, some Christians built a church, and they named it after the Archangel Michael. Under the church, there was a spring with holy water. Lots of times, when sick people drank from the spring, they would be made well again.

The pagans (the people who didn't believe in our one, true God) didn't like all this attention. They wanted to destroy that church. They made it so two great rivers would flow right into the church and flood it. But do you know that God and His angels and all of His saints listen to our prayers? Archangel Michael protected the church and made the water flow into a big hole in a rock. The church was saved!

Each year, Christians still celebrate this miracle. We know that God is with us through His angels and saints!

We celebrate this miracle on Saturday, September 6th (OC: September 19th).